



AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims, will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended). A method for ~~use in~~ managing content resources in a network, comprising:

~~receiving a subscription request from a user for access to a source of content resources,~~
~~the subscription request specifying at least one content resource to be presented to the~~
~~user through the network;~~

~~determining that the user is authorized for access to the source at least one content~~
~~resource by use of the user's Internet Protocol (IP) address;~~

~~determining at least one quality of service required for presenting the at least one content~~
~~resource to the user; and~~

~~providing, generating content access rules for the user;~~
~~processing the content access rules together with general content access to generate a~~
~~portal Web page based on a set of content element data applicable to the user; and~~
~~returning the portal Web page to the user, at least one communication channel in the~~
~~network with the determined at least one quality of service to satisfy the subscription~~
~~request.~~

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1, further wherein determining that the
user is authorized for access comprises configuring comprising by a switch, determining to
determine whether the user is an authorized user by use of the user's IP address.

4. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising:
generating a portal Web page reflecting the user's subscription request; and
presenting the portal Web page to the user,
wherein the portal Web page includes links comprises at least one link to the at least one
content resources resource to which the user has subscribed.

5-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising allowing wherein
the portal Web page allows the user to make a subscription change affecting the user's access to
the content resources.

10. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising by a switch,
blocking access by another user to the source at least one content resource based on authorization
information residing external to the switch.

11-25. (Cancelled).

26. (New). The method according to claim 1,
wherein the subscription request specifies at least one time period for presenting the at
least one content resource to the user; and
wherein providing the communication channel comprises providing the communication
channel during the specified at least one time period.

27. (New). The method according to claim 1, wherein determining the at least one
quality of service comprises determining a bandwidth required for presenting the content
resource to the user.

28. (New). The method according to claim 1, wherein determining the at least one quality of service comprises determining an amount of delay that can be tolerated for presenting the content resource to the user.

29. (New). The method according to claim 1, wherein the providing comprises configuring a switch in the network.

30. (New). A method for use in managing content resources in a network, comprising:
storing, for a user, a profile comprising the user's subscription of at least one content resource to be presented to the user through the network and the user's preferences for displaying the at least one content resource;
generating, based on the stored profile, a portal Web page to be presented to the user, the portal Web page reflecting the user's subscription of the at least one content resource; determining at least one quality of service required for presenting the at least one content resource to the user; and
providing, for the user, at least one communication channel in the network with the determined at least one quality of service to present the at least one content resource to the user.

31. (New). The method according to claim 30, further comprising determining that the user is an authorized user.

32. (New). The method according to claim 31, further comprising using the user's IP address to authenticate the authorized user.

33. (New). The method according to claim 30, further comprising calculating an amount of payment owed by the user for the subscription of the at least one content resource based on at least one content billing rule.

34. (New). The method according to claim 30, wherein the portal Web page comprises at least one link to the at least one content resource to which the user has subscribed.

35. (New). The method according to claim 30, further comprising the user using the portal Web page to make a subscription change.

36. (New). The method according to claim 30, further comprising:
storing, in the stored profile, at least one time period for presenting the at least one content resource to the user, and
providing the at least one communication channel during the at least one time period.

37. (New). The method according to claim 30, wherein determining the at least one quality of service comprises determining a bandwidth required for presenting the at least one content resource to the user.

38. (New). The method according to claim 30, wherein determining the at least one quality of service comprises determining an amount of delay that can be tolerated for presenting the at least one content resource to the user.

39. (New). The method according to claim 30, wherein the providing the at least one communication channel comprises configuring a switch in the network.